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FAILED AT THE TEST.

MISS JEANETTE RANKIN, member of Congress from Montana, probably meant well when she voted against declaring a state of war, but there is room for conjecture if she voted as her constituents would have had her vote. The sturdy citizens of Montana are not of the kind who are willing to shirk their duty in times like the present just for the whim of a woman. They are of the strenuous type—men and women who conquered the wilderness and brought into being one of the greatest states of the union, which stands today without a rival in material growth, literature, art, science and engineering. A state with that sort of a record is not the cradle of squeamishness or effeminacy when it comes to vindicating the national honor and it is amazing that a woman who had the temerity to run for Congress should not be gifted with more force and strength of purpose than to permit her sex instinct to determine her course in voting on a question that comes only once in the lifetime of a nation. As a woman Miss Rankin may have been warranted in exercising her prerogative in voting as many other women would have voted, but in Congress she should have remembered that her vote was an impersonal matter reflecting the ideals of her people, and not her own womanly thought that a single vote would keep us out of war. Miss Rankin is a keen disappointment to those who have always contended that a woman in Congress would be found voting for the rights of humanity and against the tyrannies of a despot who has caused more suffering and anguish to the women of the world than all the ravishing hordes of Villistas that have ramped around unmolested during the campaign when Miss Rankin was making her maiden speeches for the man who kept us out of war and thereby won the suffrage vote which elected him to a second term and gave Miss Rankin the proud privilege of being the first woman to represent an electorate in Congress. Miss Rankin promises to duplicate the history of Mary McLane, the author of an erotic novel, who dwelt so disingenuously on the foibles of her sex that the world was startled into believing that another Marie Corelli had sprung from the loins of Butte, Montana. For a time the McLane creature was paraded as a first-page subject by the leading metropolitan dailies; the magazines devoted much space to describing her and her idiosyncracies and then the lady dropped out of sight as the plummet sinks to the bottom when released in a well. As a nine-day curiosity Miss Rankin was all right but when subjected to the acid test of doing her duty by the whole people, she failed to rise to the occasion or to grasp the opportunity. Her first duty was to sustain the hand of the president in his declaration that there was good reason for declaring a state of war existing with Germany. She did not realize this and voted as a simple, untutored child of the nursery who rebelled at thoughts of bloodshed. She apparently was foolish in thinking that her example would deter the president from an assertion of that latent manhood which many of his enemies thought nature had denied him by boldly challenging the vandal hordes of Germany to prolong their brutal course in Belgium, Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro. Miss Rankin rejected the chance of becoming famous and simply wrote herself down as a weak, capricious creature of impulse who could not rise to the dignity of defending her country in the hour of need. She may not be a craven but she is too effeminate to presume to hold the position she occupies to the disgrace of the state of Montana.

CLEAN UP DAY DUE.

FOUR days of warm weather have brought to public attention the necessity for doing something to remove the offal of winter's accumulations which salute the nostrils with unsavory smells at every corner of the town. There is no longer any excuse for deferring the day of civic housecleaning for the streets and alleys of Tonopah sorely need attention of the garbage force. The vanishing snows have left uncovered the pollution of six months concealed under the mantle of winter's cloak but now that the sun has been shining in the firmament with old-time torridity it behooves the town health inspectors to get busy by decreeing a clean-up day that will give householders no excuse for not placing their premises in the pink of condition. This is an annual duty that should not be neglected or allowed to go too far for it carries with it the threat of plague and sickness during the summer. Prompt action may stave off the evil and the health inspector is urged to get busy with the subject before it becomes a matter of great gravity. Let there be a clean-up day after notice has been given everybody so they cannot excuse themselves by saying they did not have time to scrape up the rubbish around their premises. One week's warning would suffice to procure results and after that the police should see that those who neglect to do their duty by piling up the refuse should be haled into court to answer for their remissness.

WHO IS FOOTING THE BILLS?

THIS is the first question suggested on reading the huge pacifist advertisements running in some of the most expensive dailies of New York and Chicago. The men behind this movement must have iron in the fire or they would not be so profoundly interested in diverting attention from hostilities to listen to peace arguments. War is not a hobby with the American people and the universal sentiment is against war under ordinary conditions but, under the present circumstances, there is not a red-blooded American who will not put on khaki and launch into the field of carnage to demonstrate that we Americans are not a race of dollar chasers without a thought above the pelf of daily gains. There is not a man, woman or child in this country who deliberately invites war to come. These parties who go about declaring there is a "war party" in the United States assert what they know is false. No one wishes war, but all Americans, with the exception of a few, are determined that American rights shall be respected by Germany and that this country will fight for those rights and, in the end, will compel Germany to do what we demand. The peace federation says in its proclamation: "It is rumored that offers of mediation

by neutrals have been spurned by our government." No such rumors have been about at all. The statement is not true. There is not a neutral on the face of the earth who would not rejoice to see this powerful country smite the Kaiser and beat him into a condition where he would see the light of truth and act like a human being. The federation advertisement sounds like a proclamation written by pro-Germans who are endeavoring to protect the Kaiser from the American wrath to come.

NYE COUNTY BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT YEAR

Complying with the law the county commissioners of Nye county have adopted a budget for the current year, estimating the costs of maintaining all departments of the county administration, including town and school expenses. This budget was submitted to the state tax commission, according to law, and after some delay, met with the approval of that body. The Nye county board remained in session for the greater part of two weeks sitting down demands and generally overhauling the cost sheets of administration to the end that they might make the tax levy as low as possible consistent with an honest and capable discharge of their duties. The estimates show that the cost of conducting Nye county up to the first of January, 1917, will be \$148,000, divided as follows: General fund, \$55,000; salary fund, \$53,000; loan fund, \$20,000; and indigent fund, \$20,000. The report of the board of county commissioners is as follows:

The board of county commissioners has estimated the amount of money required to maintain a county high school at Tonopah and Manhattan to be the sum of \$10,000, and such an estimate is made from what it cost to maintain said high schools during the current school year. The Tonopah Special School Fund is divided proportionately between the Tonopah high school and the Manhattan high school by the state superintendent of public instruction. A tax of ten cents on the hundred dollars of valuation was levied on all taxable property in the county in order to raise the said sum of \$10,000, basing the county valuation for the year 1917 at \$10,000,000.

The board of county commissioners has outstanding Nye county bonds to the sum of \$50,000 and in order to maintain a sinking fund and keep the interest paid up on said bonds, a tax has to be levied each year. The board has estimated that the requirements to take care of said bonds for the year 1917 to be the sum of \$5,500. They therefore levied a tax of five cents and five mills on the hundred dollars valuation of all taxable property in the county, in order to raise the said sum of \$5,500, basing the valuation of the county at \$10,000,000 for the year 1917.

The board of county commissioners has estimated the amount required to maintain the county roads for the next ensuing year to be the sum of \$15,000, of this amount the sum of \$6,000 is derived from taxes and the sum of \$9,000 from poll tax, auto licenses and the state racing commission. The amount to be raised from taxes is the sum of \$6,000. The board therefore levied a tax of six cents on the hundred dollars valuation of all taxable property in the county, basing the county valuation for the year 1917 at \$10,000,000. The board of county commissioners has estimated the expenses necessary to maintain the county school for the current year to be the sum of \$53,000. The sum of \$30,240 is derived from taxation, and is based on the estimated number of school children between the ages of six and 18 years of age in each school district of the county as shown by the last preceding school census and also the number of school teachers each school district of the county is entitled to for the next ensuing school year.

The sum of \$22,760 is derived from the state and forest reserve and in addition to the amount of \$30,240 derived from taxation makes the sum of \$53,000 required for the county schools. A tax of thirty cents (\$30) on the hundred dollars valuation of all taxable property in the county was levied to raise the sum of \$30,240, basing the county valuation at \$10,000,000. In addition to the above levy, the board levied special taxes in the Tonopah school district, Manhattan school district and Belmont school district for the purpose of maintaining said schools during the current year.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF NYE COUNTY UPON WHICH THE TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 1917 IS BASED:

Department	General Fund	Salary Fund
Sheriff	\$1,500.00	\$6,700.00
Assessor	1,000.00	8,500.00
District Court	2,000.00	5,000.00
District Attorney	500.00	4,800.00
County Clerk	700.00	4,500.00
Recorder & Auditor	450.00	5,000.00
Treasurer	500.00	4,500.00
Co. Commissioners	200.00	2,700.00
J. of P. (Tonopah)	600.00	2,400.00
Constable (Tonopah)	1,000.00	5,800.00
Con. (Outside)	25.00	2,400.00
Janitor (Court Hs.)		1,500.00
J. of P. (Outside)		2,500.00
Fire In. on Cl. Hs.	1,250.00	
Probation Officer	1,200.00	
Co. Surveying	200.00	
Mothers' Penn.	5,000.00	
Gen. & Pri. El.	8,500.00	
Nov. Ind. Com.	250.00	
Normal Sch. (Tonopah)	250.00	
Court House	5,000.00	
Co. Jail (Tonopah)	1,230.00	
Jails (Outside)	200.00	
Coroner (Tonopah)	400.00	
J. of P. (Outside)	40.00	
Cor. (Outside)	120.00	
Mental Exams.	150.00	
Law Library	200.00	
Tax Refracts	1,000.00	
Register of Births	300.00	
Orphan's Home	400.00	
School Census	300.00	
Co. Ex. (Exps.)	1,800.00	
Rhyolite Fire	1,800.00	
Miscellaneous	13,565.00	
Totals	\$55,000.00	\$53,000.00
Estimated Loan of \$20,000.00 for the year 1917 and in-		
Indigent Fund		
Sal. Heat & Wat.	\$4,300.00	
Co. Ho. (Ho.)	1,375.00	
Sal. (County)	3,000.00	
Ho. and		
Indigents	650.00	

Surgical Supplies	150.00
Co. Physician (Tonopah)	1,300.00
County Physicians (Outside)	900.00
Indigents (Allowance & supplies)	5,000.00
Fronton expenses	625.00
Ins. (Co. Ho.)	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	2,500.00
Total	\$20,000.00
Grand Total of Administrative and Indigent Fund	\$148,000.00
General Fund	\$55,000.00
Salary Fund	\$53,000.00
Loan	\$20,000.00
Indigent Fund	\$20,000.00

Estimated Expenses of the Tonopah School District, upon which the tax levy for the year 1917 is based:

School Bond Interest and Redemption Fund	
Amount of bonds to be retired on May 1, 1917	\$12,500.00
Estimated actual requirement for int. and red. fund	5,856.12
Total requirement for school bond	\$18,356.12
Less bal. on hand	7,656.12

Amt. needed on which tax is based \$10,500.00

The Tonopah Special School Fund Estimated amount required in accordance with a resolution certified by the board of school trustees of the Tonopah school district \$12,525.00

The tax levy is based on the sum of \$12,525.00, the actual requirements needed in the special school fund in order to maintain the Tonopah schools for the current year.

Estimated Expenses of the Town of Tonopah upon which the tax levy for the year 1917 is based:

Streets and Alleys	
Salaries, street and alley inspectors	\$ 1,800.00
Street lights	4,000.00
Sprinkling streets	700.00
Water, street, town team	400.00
Cleaning Town, cont.	4,500.00
Labor on streets, including town team	5,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,100.00
Total Est. requirements	\$18,000.00
Fire Department	
Salaries, fire chief and firemen	\$ 6,300.00
Light, heat and water, fire department	840.00
Postage and supplies, fire department	575.00
Repairs at fire house	185.00
Water for fire purposes	3,000.00
Allowance to vol. fire dpt.	400.00
Miscellaneous	1,700.00
Total est. requirements	\$13,000.00

The town of Tonopah also has a general fund upon which no tax levy is made, for the reason the general expenses of the town of Tonopah are paid from the town of Tonopah licenses collected and the amount derived from the town licenses is estimated by the board of county commissioners sufficient to take care of the general fund of the town of Tonopah.

The board has estimated the amount to be collected from town licenses to be the sum of \$8,000. Estimated Expenses of the Town of Tonopah Paid from the General Fund of the Town

Chief of police, salary	\$ 400.00
Policemen, salaries	3,600.00
Extra policemen	200.00
Stationery and postage, chief of police	20.00
Light, heat and water, police office	150.00
Supplies, chief of police	200.00
Town commissioners, sal.	720.00
Public library, allowance	575.00
Nevada Ind. commission	200.00
Town Printing	350.00
Rent of police station	350.00

Estimated requirements \$6,375.00

The board of county commissioners has created a special contingent fund and levied a tax therefor. The purpose for such a fund is for any contingency that may arise in the town of Tonopah and which the other funds created by the board in the town of Tonopah may not take care of.

Rhyolite School District
 The Rhyolite school district has outstanding school bonds amounting to the sum of \$20,000, and in order to maintain a sinking fund and keep the interest paid up on said bonds, a tax has to be levied each year. The board of county commissioners has estimated that the requirements to take care of said bonds for the years 1918 to be the sum of \$2,615. They therefore levied a tax of \$1.15 on the hundred dollars valuation of all taxable property in the Rhyolite school district in order to raise the said sum of \$2,615, basing the valuation of the Rhyolite school district at \$227,000 for the year 1917.

The Manhattan school district has outstanding school bonds amounting to the sum of \$2,500, and in order to maintain a sinking fund and keep the interest paid up on said bonds, a tax has to be levied each year. The board of county commissioners has estimated that the requirements to take care of said

bonds for the year 1918 to be the sum of \$882. They therefore levied a tax of twenty cents on the hundred dollars valuation of all taxable property in the Manhattan school district in order to raise the said sum of \$882, basing the valuation of the Manhattan school district at \$440,000 for the year 1917.

LIST OF ENGINEERS WILLING TO SERVE

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MINING ENGINEERS FURNISHES GOVERNMENT LIST OF MEN

In response to requests from the

American Institute of Mining Engineers, every member in the Tonopah district has filed replies to a questionnaire calling for information of the special fitness of members and those affiliated with them in their professional capacity for army service. These blanks will be segregated in order to keep the same class of men together so that their services may be used to best advantage in defending the country.

BREAK THROUGH LINES ON ROAD TO RIGA

(By Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, April 7. — Germans took the offensive south of Riga and penetrated the Russian lines.

Later the Russian counter attacked and drove the Germans out, and restored the position.

AMERICAN BLUE JACKET DIES WITH THE AZTEC

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7. — Gunner Eopolucci, one of the 12 bluejackets on the American steamer Aztec, sunk off the coast of France, is reported still missing.

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